

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A vacuum dustpan for collecting debris from a floor surface comprising:

(a) a housing having a debris collection chamber and defining an inlet having a top and opposite edges;

(b) a vacuum means for generating a flow of air from said inlet to said collection chamber; and

(c) said housing including an inlet surface configured to direct debris into said inlet, wherein,

said inlet surface includes projections which extend outwardly at the edges of said inlet.

2. (Original) The dustpan of claim 1 wherein said inlet is defined by said inlet surface and the floor surface.

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4. (Original) The dustpan of claim 1 wherein said inlet surface projects from said top edge of said inlet.

5. (Currently amended) A vacuum dustpan for collecting debris from a floor surface comprising:

(a) a housing having a debris collection chamber and defining an inlet having a top and opposite edges;

(b) a vacuum means for generating a flow of air from said inlet to said collection chamber;

(c) said housing including an inlet surface configured to direct debris into said inlet; and
~~The dustpan of claim 1 further including~~

(d) a vacuum hose fitting by-passing the inlet.

6. (Currently amended) A vacuum dustpan for collecting debris from a floor surface comprising:

(a) a housing having a debris collection chamber and defining an inlet having a top and opposite edges;

(b) a vacuum means for generating a flow of air from said inlet to said collection chamber; and

(c) said housing including an inlet surface configured to direct debris into said inlet,
~~The dustpan of claim 1 wherein,~~

said flow of air is via a conduit extending from the inlet to an opening in the collection chamber and further including a flapper at said opening.

7. (Original) The dustpan of claim 1 wherein said collection chamber comprises a removable bin.

8. (Currently amended) A vacuum dustpan for collecting debris from a floor surface comprising:

(a) a housing having a debris collection chamber and defining an inlet having a top and opposite edges;

(b) a vacuum means for generating a flow of air from said inlet to said collection chamber;

(c) said housing including an inlet surface configured to direct debris into said inlet; and
~~The dustpan of claim 1 including~~

(d) a selection switch for selectively directing air flow from the inlet on the a vacuum
hose fitting to the collection chamber.

9. (New) The dustpan of claim 5 wherein said inlet is defined by said inlet surface and the floor surface.

10. (New) The dustpan of claim 5 wherein said inlet surface includes projections which extend outwardly at the edges of said inlet.

11. (New) The dustpan of claim 5 wherein said inlet surface projects from said top edge of said inlet.

12. (New) The dustpan of claim 5 wherein said collection chamber comprises a removable bin.

13. (New) The dustpan of claim 6 wherein said inlet is defined by said inlet surface and the floor surface.

14. (New) The dustpan of claim 6 wherein said inlet surface includes projections which extend outwardly at the edges of said inlet.

15. (New) The dustpan of claim 6 wherein said inlet surface projects from said top edge of said inlet.

16. (New) The dustpan of claim 6 wherein said collection chamber comprises a removable bin.

17. (New) The dustpan of claim 8 wherein said inlet is defined by said inlet surface and the floor surface.

18. (New) The dustpan of claim 8 wherein said inlet surface includes projections which extend outwardly at the edges of said inlet.

19. (New) The dustpan of claim 8 wherein said inlet surface projects from said top edge of said inlet.

20. (New) The dustpan of claim 8 wherein said collection chamber comprises a removable bin.